

Memorandum of Agreement

Vienna, 5th July 2005

between

The City University of New York

and the

Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences

Represented by the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences, Austria (FHK)

Topic

Mutual Recognition of University Degrees

PREAMBLE

To facilitate the admission process to graduate level programs of instruction, and to establish appropriate levels of post-secondary educational attainment, the City University of New York and the undersigned Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences represented by the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences (FHK) hereby agree to recognize in principle the equivalency of baccalaureate and master's degree awarded by the respective institutions in the liberal arts, business studies, the sciences, and engineering.

1. The CUNY bachelors degree, currently covering eight semesters of study with a minimum of 120 credits, will be considered the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree from an Austrian University of Applied Sciences, which entails three years of study and a student workload of 180 ECTS ¹ and is predicated on the successful completion of an Austrian high school diploma (Matura) or equivalent.
2. Graduates of a CUNY bachelors degree program will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a masters degree program of study in the appropriate subject area at an Austrian University of Applied Sciences, inversely graduates of an Austrian baccalaureate degree program in an appropriate area of study will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a CUNY masters degree program. In addition to the aforementioned degree aspects, candidates will need to meet specific requirements as prerequisites for admission to particular programs of study.
3. Transfer of credit for courses, taken at one of the partner institutions, to the other will depend on their content appropriateness to the selected course of study at the receiving school.

4. This agreement will remain in force for a period of 5 years, at which time it can be extended by the agreement of both parties. Furthermore, in the unforeseeable event that there are law changes relevant to either of the partner institutions, such changes should be integrated into this agreement in the form of mutually agreed upon revision.

Signed:

On behalf of the City University of New York
Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor

On behalf of the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences (FHK)
Werner Jungwirth, President

¹ In accordance with the European agreements (Bologna Process), Austrian federal law defines the extent of university study programs in terms of student workload according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Semester hours are no longer used as a valid descriptor in this context.